

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, May 12th, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. with Norman Winkler, Chairman, John Pavey, Gerald Mohr, Warren Norris, Bruce Levi, Kevin Spilman, Jerry Kent, Leigh Morning, Attorney, and Deborah Adams, Auditor in attendance.

Chairman, Norman Winkler called the meeting to order. Minutes of the April 14th, 2010 meeting were approved on a motion by Gerald Mohr, seconded by Bruce Mohr. Motion carried.

### **HIGHWAY**

Jerry Sitton, Highway Superintendent, reviewed the wheel tax revenues of the current rates and the proposed rates. The current wheel tax revenue should raise a county total of \$294,278.85 of which \$27,566.60 is allocated to the City of Rushville; \$4,999.95 is allocated to the Town of Carthage and \$1,506.61 is allocated to the Town of Glenwood and \$260,205.79 is allocated to the county.

The proposed wheel tax revenue should raise a county total of \$483,362.35 of which \$45,278.86 is allocated to the City of Rushville; \$8,212.57 is allocated to the Town of Carthage and \$2,474.65 is allocated to the Town of Glenwood and \$427,396.27 is allocated to the county.

Deborah Adams explained that there was a miscommunication between herself and county attorney Leigh Morning, as she did not have any rates of which to advertise in the legal notice for the public hearing. Adams asked Morning if the council could hold both a public hearing and adopt the wheel tax rate during the same meeting. Morning informed Adams and the council that both the hearing and the adoption could be held within the same meeting. Adams asked Morning to forward her the amended word document so she could advertised. The council asked Adams to also forward the amended rates for them to review prior to the June meeting.

### **SHERIFF**

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported forty-three (43) inmates of which eleven (11) are female. Sherwood reported that the State jail inspection is scheduled for Rush County on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

John Pavey questioned Sherwood regarding the meal balance in correlation to the inmate population and appropriation balance. Sherwood reported that at the end of April the appropriation balance was \$36,208.00 and the department will need every bit of the current \$53,791.00 balance. Sherwood noted that he will attempt to transfer from within his budget before approaching the council with an additional appropriation.

Sherwood reported that he will submit the department's pension payment with the last of the June claims. This will allow the county to have received its tax distribution.

Sherwood reported that he, Councilmen Bruce Levi, and Kevin Spilman along with Jail Commander Brett Turner attended the Jail conference. Bruce Levi reported on the conference. Levi reported that lots useful information was provided. Levi noted that Indiana leads the nation on prison population.

The council will take their jail tour following the council meeting.

### **SOLID WASTE**

Carole Yeend, Solid Waste Director, reported that 13,770 lbs of e-scrap was collected at the county e-scrap collection day.

### **ECDC**

John Pavey provided an update on the Cherry St project and answered questions concerning McCreary Block.

### **LOIT**

Discussion was held to wait until after the August budgets to hold a public hearing to consider adopting a LOIT (Local Option Income Tax) rate.

### **AUDITOR**

Deborah Adams, Auditor, reported, that tax collections went smoothly and “pink” is the color due to the legislative mandate of the homestead verification form that must be completed by each homestead property owner.

Adams reported that with a timely May 10<sup>th</sup> collections that the distribution will also be timely.

Adams reported that she will be attending the Spring SBOA state called county auditors conference to be held in Fort Wayne during the week of May 25<sup>th</sup> to May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to adjourn was initiated by John Pavey. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion, motion carried.

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Norman Winkler, Chairman

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John Pavey

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Gerald Mohr

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Warren Norris

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Bruce Levi

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Kevin Spilman

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Jerry Kent

ATTEST:

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Deborah C. Adams, Auditor

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